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25 October 1968

General Earle G. Wheeler  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Department of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear General Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter to the Director inviting the Agency to nominate participants for the ETA I-68 politico-military game to be held next month.

We have selected the following officers to participate in the game:



- Member, Board of National Estimates
- Chief of Operations, Near East Division
- Branch Chief, Middle East Africa Area, Office of Current Intelligence

The administrative details for our participation will be handled directly by our liaison with the appropriate members of the Joint War Games Agency.

We are looking forward to participation in ETA I-68.

With warmest personal regards,

EA/DDCI/

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Sincerely,

/S/ Rufus L. Taylor

Rufus Taylor  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Deputy Director

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Dear Dick,

You are cordially invited to nominate participants for the next single-level, interagency, politico-military game, ETA I-68. The objective of this simulation will be to examine the impact of British withdrawal east of Suez -- Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean area -- on United States interests and foreign policy. As usual, knowledgeable and responsible officials of interested departments, agencies and commands will participate.

The game will be conducted in the Pentagon from 12 through 26 November 1968. It will be organized to include two teams and a Control Group. Participating teams will represent the United States and the Soviet Union. Control will represent third nations, treaty organizations, nature and other influencing factors. The enclosed memorandum indicates the desired number of participants and contains detailed administrative information for use by your point of contact.

Central Intelligence Agency participants have contributed significantly to the success of previous games and I hope that you will provide your usual fine complement of key officials to take part in this exercise.

Sincerely,

*Bes*

EARLE G. WHEELER  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Enclosure  
a/s

The Honorable Richard M. Helms  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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JOINT WAR GAMES AGENCY  
POLITICO-MILITARY DIVISION

8 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR AGENCY OFFICIAL COORDINATING ETA I-68

Subject: Game Organization, Structure and Schedule (U)

1. (S-NF) General: ETA I-68, a single-level, interagency, politico-military game will be held in the Pentagon during the period 12 through 26 November 1968. The game will examine the impact of British withdrawal east of Suez -- Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean area -- on United States interests and foreign policy. It should provide a setting encompassing political, military, economic and psychological considerations involved in the complex situation facing the United States in the Middle East today. This memorandum contains administrative information essential to pre-game planning. Prior to the game, each player will receive a pre-game briefing and a Fact Book containing administrative details and other relevant information.

2. (S-NF) Team Structure: ETA I-68 game participants will be divided into two teams and a Control Group. The teams will represent the National Command Authority of the United States (BLUE) and the Soviet Union (RED). Control (WHITE) will represent all other third nations, international organizations and other influencing factors.

3. (U) Player Nominations: Addressees are requested to nominate participants and submit names to the Politico-Military Division, JWGA, by telephone prior to 25 October 1968. The allocation of spaces for agency representation on teams and the Control Group is outlined in Attachment #1. Players should be nominated from the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Commander through Major General/Rear Admiral or equivalent, who are highly knowledgeable of the regions under consideration.

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4. (U) Schedule: The schedule of team and Control meetings for the game is shown in Attachment #2.

5. (U) Pre-Game Research and Documentation: The Joint War Games Agency relies heavily upon suggestions of operating officials in planning research, conducting interviews and ensuring that all significant aspects of the problem are explored. Comments and suggestions from your organization, along these lines, are currently being solicited through informal discussions by representatives of the Joint War Games Agency.

6. (U) Security.

a. The title of the game, ETA I-68, is unclassified when mentioned without geographic or subject reference. The area/scope or content of the game is classified SECRET-NOFORN.

b. Game deliberations are conducted on a TOP SECRET security level. Game Documentation, including Fact Book, Game Messages and the Final Report, will be classified SECRET-NOFORN.

c. Addressees are requested to certify to the Politico-Military Division, Joint War Games Agency, OJCS, in writing prior to 1 November 1968, as to the TOP SECRET security clearance of participants. Included with this certification should be the full name, rank and position title of each nominee.

7. (U) Contact: Commander Kenneth N. Bebb, USN, Game Project Officer; or Lt Commander Theodore R. Kramer, USN, OXford 7-9860 or OXford 7-9892, should be contacted to discuss player nominations, suggested scenario inputs or to answer queries on the game.

*Charles P. Murray*  
CHARLES P. MURRAY  
Colonel, USA  
Chief, Politico-Military Division

2 Attachments

1. Team Structure
2. Game Calendar

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## TEAM STRUCTURE

AGENCY	UNITED STATES (BLUE)	SOVIET UNION (RED)	CONTROL (WHITE)
White House			1
State	1	1	1a 1b
ACDA		1	
AID	1 c, d		
USIA	1	1	
Dept of Interior	1e		
<del>CIA</del>	1f	1 f, g	1 b, f
DIA		1 g	1 g
DSA			1 e
OSD	1 (ISA)	1 (ISA)	1 (PA)
OJCS	1 (J-5)	1 (J-4)	
Army	1		1 c
Navy	1	1 g, h	
Air Force	1 i		1 i
Marine Corps		1	
CINCLANT			1
CINCSTRIKE / USCINCMFAFSA		1 g	
Consultants	1	1	1
TOTALS	11	11	11

DESIRED BACKGROUND

FOR

ETA PARTICIPANTS

- a. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain Island, South Yemen.
- b. Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic.
- c. Iran.
- d. Pakistan and India.
- e. Middle East economic affairs.
- f. Left wing/subversive elements in the Middle East (NLF, ANM, Baathists, etc.).
- g. Soviet activity in the Middle East.
- h. Soviet naval operations in the Middle East/Indian Ocean area.
- i. Military airlift operations.

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ETA I-68 GAME CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1968

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11	12 <u>Pre-Game Briefing</u>  0930-1100  Rm BC-942A	13	14 <u>1st Red/Blue Team Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A	15 <u>1st Control Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A
18	19 <u>2nd Red/Blue Team Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A	20 <u>2nd Control Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A	21 <u>3rd Red/Blue Team Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A	22 <u>3rd Control Meeting</u>  0930-1530  Rm BC-942A
25	26 <u>Critique</u>  0930 - 1100 (All Participants)  Rm 5C-1042	27	28	29

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ATTACHMENT #2

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DATE OF DOC	DATE REC'D	DATE OUT	SUSPENSE DATE	CROSS REFERENCE OR POINT OF FILING	
8 OCT 68	14 OCT 68				
TO [ ] (By way of Mr. Helms)				ROUTING	
FR JCS				DATE SENT	
SUBJ. Game Organization, Structure and Schedule (U)				1 cy W/G	
				14/10/68	
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MEMORANDUM FOR: *Exec. Assn.*

*Whoever our man is  
he should consult  
closely with Jim  
Critchfield in the  
play of this game.  
It may be that  
Jim himself would  
like to be the CIA  
participant*

*10/11/68*  
(DATE)

FORM NO. 101 REPLACES FORM 10-101  
1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

(47)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Adm. Taylor

If you agree, I'll send this  
to [ ] in War Plans  
Staff to come up with some  
names and to prepare a draft  
~~of~~ reply. [ ] sort of  
has [ ] of BNE in  
mind as one of the players.

11 OCT.  
(DATE)

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